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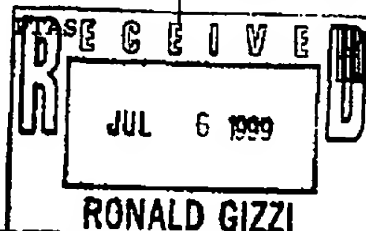
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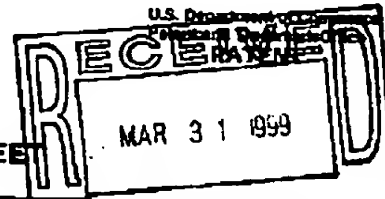
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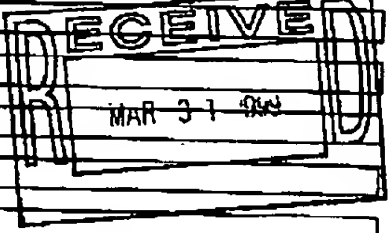
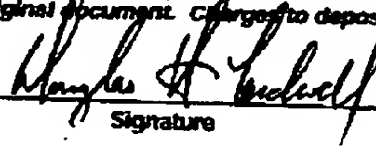
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WHEREAS, capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Agreement;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Agreement, IP has agreed to sell, assign, transfer, convey, and deliver to Formica, and Formica has agreed to purchase, pay for, and accept from IP, all of IP's right, title, and interest in and to all of the goodwill arising exclusively from, and all other intangible assets of IP dedicated exclusively to, the operation of the Business;

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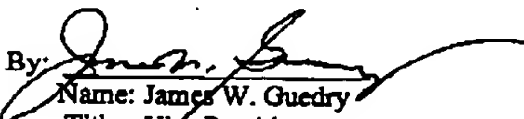
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## Schedule A

## Patents

U.S. Patent No. 5,260,006, dated November 9, 1993, expiring November 9, 2010, issued to Scher, et al., and assigned to International Paper Company, as successor in interest to Nevamar Corporation, "Method and Apparatus for Continuous Casting of Polymerizable Thermosetting Material".

U.S. Patent No. 5,582,650, dated December 10, 1996, issued to Simons, and assigned to International Paper Company, "Process for Cleaning Parts Soiled or Encrusted with Polyester Resin".

U.S. Patent No. 5,183,600, dated February 2, 1993, "Improved Method and Apparatus for Continuous Casting of Polymerizable Material", issued in the name of International Paper Company.

U.S. Patent No. 5,856,389, dated January 5, 1999, "Solid Thermoplastic Surfacing Material" issued in the names of Elbon, Franzoi, Kostrzewski, and O'Dell.

European Patent No. 0439307, dated April 12, 1995, was issued for process for which U.S. Patent 5,260,006 (see above) was issued.

## Patent Applications

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/031923, filed February 28, 1998, in the names of Alfonso, Elbon, and Franzoi, "Holmar Particulate".

U.S. Patent Application, No. 08/576590, filed December 21, 1995, in the names of Elbon, Franzoi, Kostrzewski, and O'Dell, "Thin Solid Surfacing Material (TSS)"-- ABANDONED.

PCT application for a European Patent (PCT/US98/03431), filed February 27, 1998, in connection with "Particle Filled Resinous Product . . ." (relates to property for which a U.S. Patent Application No. 09/031923 was filed, see above).

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Patent applications were filed in the following jurisdictions for the process for which U.S. Patent 5,260,006 (see above) was issued:

1. Canada - No. 2034739, filed January 22, 1991.
2. Japan - No. 6542/91, filed January 23, 1991.
3. Korea - No. 1139/1991, filed January 21, 1991.

#### Design Patent Applications

U.S. Patent No. D29/081,259, filed December 29, 1997  
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 U.S. Patent No. D29/081,277, filed December 29, 1997  
 U.S. Patent No. D29/081,278, filed December 29, 1997